## RULINGS OF THE CHAIR

### *re* : ANSWERS TO QUESTIONS FURNISHED BY THE CONCERNED MINISTER ALTHOUGH MEMBER HAD REQUESTED A PARTICULAR MINISTER TO ANSWER THEM.

MR. SPEAKER.—I have looked into this matter of interpellation forwarded by the hon'ble Member Sri Jayaprakash Narayan. The members are not adhering to the rules. Under the rules there are various conditions which have to be complied with and one of the rules is that not more than one topic can be taken up because if that is done more than one Minister will have to participate. So far as I am concerned, it does not bother me so much but the rule is there. In this instance, Sri Jayaprakash Narayan who is unfortunately not here has taken up certain dharkast applications and desires that the question should be answered by the Minister for Revenue and Forests. There are nine clauses in one question. If it is possible, generally I allow it. That does not help members and unnecessarily finding fault with the office or the Secretary or the staff will not be conducive to the coordination of work. I will simply say that it is not in order and return it to the member concerned for putting it in order. That will only mean more delay.

Having mentioned that, I should now say that names of several poor persons who have no place of dwelling in Sirsi have been asked. This will have to be investigated. He speaks about Sirsi Municipality which he says should provide housing facilities. If the Office helps a member by admitting one part and the Member expresses his righteous indignation to say 'my question has been modified', I will simply instruct the Office that such questions as are not in order may be sent back. The Member loses the right of putting the question. There will be a lot of delay. That is why the power is given under the rules to edit. Whenever it is changed, it is for the Member to say whether he wants in the edited form. Whenever there is any substantial change, I am also considering whether hereafter an interpellation that is received should be forwarded to the Government before it is admitted. I am sending it to the Government in order to help the Members. All this will have to be done within 14 days. If Members feel in individual matters, it is open to them to find out from the Table office, or the Questions Branch or they can come to me. I do not see there is much merit in the complaint made by the Hon'ble Member. The whole question could have been rejected, but in order to help the member, it was edited in the manner it is done and if it is to be found fault with, I will simply instruct the Office to send it back to the Member, if it is not in order.